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For further information, please visit our web site → <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dcs>

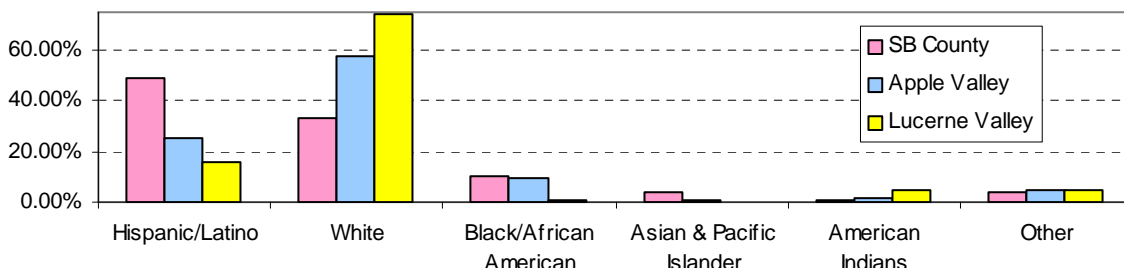
San Bernardino County Total Area*: 20,105.3 square miles (The Largest County in California)
(Land Area: 20,052.5 square miles, Water Area: 52.8 square miles)



	SB County		Apple Valley		Lucerne Valley	
Total Population	1,709,434		64,029		2,870	
Under 18 Years	552,047		17,115		597	
Ethnicity of Under 18						
Hispanic/Latino	269,462	48.80%	4,390	25.65%	95	15.91%
White	183,512	33.20%	9,882	57.74%	443	74.20%
Black/African American	54,800	9.90%	1,660	9.70%	3	0.50%
Asian & Pacific Islander	21,758	3.90%	95	0.56%	2	0.34%
American Indians	2,750	0.50%	314	1.83%	27	4.52%
Other	19,765	3.60%	774	4.52%	27	4.52%

(% of Ethnicity Comparison)

San Bernardino County
Brief Overview &
Population Comparison
with Apple Valley &
Lucerne Valley



Referral Information for Apple Valley and Lucerne Valley (2006)

Referral Rate and Foster Care Entry Rate

	Referral Rate	Foster Care Entry Rate
Apple Valley	113.5 per 1,000 Children	4.8 per 1,000 Children
Lucerne Valley		
San Bernardino County	68.9 per 1,000 Children	4.0 per 1,000 Children

- In 2006, 4.9% (113.5 :1,000) children less than 18 year old in Apple Valley/Lucerne Valley had child abuse/neglect referrals, and 0.06% (4.8 :1,000) children were removed from their family in Apple Valley/Lucerne Valley.
- Comparing with San Bernardino County as a whole, Apple Valley/Lucerne Valley has higher referral rate and foster care entry rates.

Frequently Asked Questions about Children in Welfare System

How many child abuse/neglect incidents were reported?

Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect (2006)	Number of Families (Total = 1,498)	Number of Children (Total = 2,011)
Of all referrals received, 60.2% resulted in a CPS investigation:	902	1,555
Of all referrals received, 7.3% were found to be true:	110	195
Of all referrals received, 3.7% resulted in an open case:	55	122
Of all referrals received, 3.1% resulted in a child removal:	46	85

What types of allegations were investigated?

County of San Bernardino investigated 1,836 child abuse reports in 2006 for 1,555 children.

The following table represents types of allegations investigated. Neglect accounted for the highest proportion of allegations. *One child can have more than one allegation.

Type of Allegation	Children	%
General Neglect	687	37.42%
Physical Abuse	347	18.90%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	269	14.65%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	124	6.75%
Sexual Abuse	119	6.48%
Not Determined Jan07	115	6.26%
Emotional Abuse	92	5.01%
Severe Neglect	73	3.98%
Substantial Risk	9	0.49%
Exploitation	1	0.05%
Total Investigated Allegations	1,836	



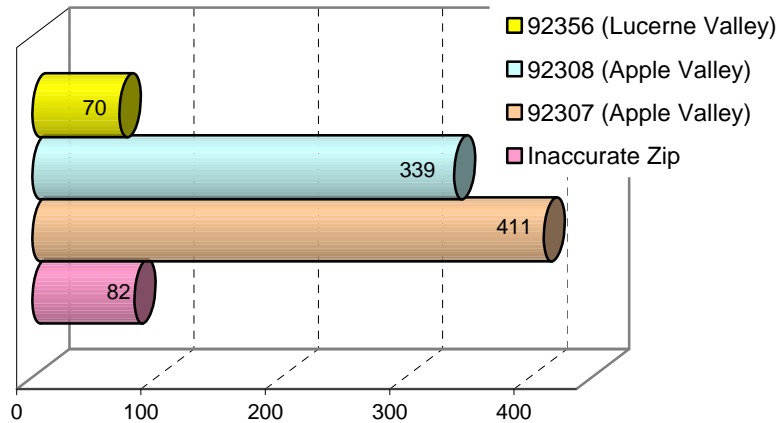
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Allegations investigated in your city in 2006?

902 families were involved in referral investigations.



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Where were children placed after they were removed in 2006?

85 children were placed in the out-of-home care residences. The following table indicates; the types of placement homes where they spent the longest time since their removal in 2006.

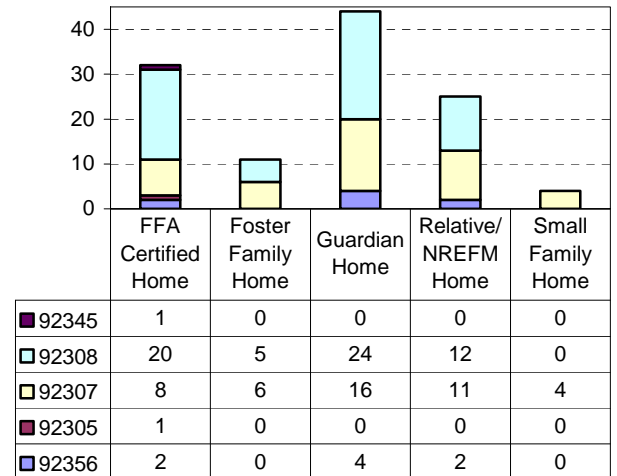
Predominate Placement Home	Children		
	Apple Valley	Lucerne Valley	Total
FFA Certified Home	40	6	46
Foster Family Home	6	3	9
Group Home	3	0	3
Relative/NREFM Home	24	2	26
Small Family Home	1	0	1
Total	74	11	85

How the investigations were concluded?

1,836 allegations were investigated.

Allegation Conclusions	# of Referrals	% of Referrals
Still In Investigation	115	6.26%
Inconclusive	184	10.02%
Substantiated	204	11.11%
Unfounded	1,333	72.60%
Total	1,836	

How many placement resources were in Apple Valley & Lucerne Valley?



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Is there disproportionality in the referral rate and child removal rate in child welfare?

Disproportionality in child welfare exists when any ethnic group has a higher rate or proportion of referrals, removals or in care numbers than the total population. In Apple Valley/Lucerne Valley, Black/African American children have higher rates of investigated referrals and removals compared to other ethnicities.

Apple Valley and Lucerne Valley Combined	2000 Census Population Under 18	# of Children with Investigated Referral	Referral Rate per 1,000	# of Children Removed	Removal Rate per 1,000
White	10,325	853	82.62	55	5.33
Black/African American	1,663	246	147.93	9	5.41
Hispanic/Latino	4,485	391	87.18	18	4.01
American Indian	122	3	24.59		
Asian & Pacific Islander	316	19	60.13	3	9.49
Other	801				
Unknown		45			
Total	17,712	1,557	87.91	85	4.80

Foster Care Removal and Placement Outcomes for Children (2006)

Apple Valley:

Of the 74 children removed from their families:

- 25 children have been reunified to date, however 1 child has re-entered care after reunification and 49 children are still in care.
- Of the 50 children who are currently in care:
 - 31 children were not placed with relatives:
 - 6 children were placed in foster facilities in Apple Valley and 25 children are in foster facilities outside of Apple Valley.
 - 19 children were placed with relatives.
 - 7 children were placed with relatives in Apple Valley and 12 with relatives in other cities.

Lucerne Valley:

Of the 11 children removed from their families:

- 5 children have been reunified to date, and 6 children are still in care.
- 2 children were placed with relatives
- 4 children are in foster care placements in other cities. (No children are placed in Lucerne Valley).